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## THE STIFF INTER-

brown tulle in the inner weave, which is draped and draped, wrapped, draped, draped and double breasted front, fastened with buttons of immense size. The French "fig" dress, but it is quite as serviceable for a shopping dress, and for traveling. A velvet collar would, of course, be admitted on such trimming, but otherwise fill the bill for trifling and otherwise.

### Ruffles and Belts.

Now, that ruffles are come back as a skirt trimming, it is altogether likely that we shall see heavy woollen gowns decorated with machine-hemmed ruffles! Such horrors have been seen in the past, and they will probably be revived. Silk ruffles hemmed on machine will be seen, too, on occasion, but if you don't watch your dressmaker, that is just what she will do for you, and offend against your direct protest. Don't let her do it. If you don't like the machine hem, or stitch, then get your dress with

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The pet and pride of an adoring family, and pushed forward by the admiration of the neighbors in order to display all her charms at one sitting she has become a mother.

**The Fidgety Mother.**

A man said to me the other day that of all the wearing manifestations of fidgetiness the fidgety mother was the most trying. He said that when he first saw his arm around the neck of his first baby to the last time her youngest son sneezed just before he was married, perfectly positive that death was shadowing each and every one of her nine children, every one of whom he had seen grow up, he never saw a more really devoted mother passed into rest.

"She fidgeted about our dress and studies," he said, "our companions and our enemies; she fidgeted about our loves and sweethearts, husbands and wives, babies, housekeeping, our outgoings and comings, and the old story of the world, but fretting always over her great



spend Thanksgiving; occasionally, too, they

turned up at Easter, and always some of the town Gossages spent the warm months

"'little girl,'" repeated Miss Ann; then her old sharpness returned. "What's a little girl got to do with me and you, Hannah?"

"The letter's from Sam before he died," altered Miss Hannah. "It wanted us to tell you that he was coming home to see his child; he wants her to mock it up to us."

Miss Ann's face was hardening visibly. "He's not coming along in years," she said, and "I've always been regarded as the head o' this house. I've done what I could to keep the household together and brought up the children as Samuel Gossage would have had 'em. He made a low marriage. Does the letter state as he married a play-actor's daughter?"

"Dead," said Miss Hannah, in a low voice. "We'd best send for Benjamin Gossage."

A day after he was sent for Benjamin Gossage walked up and down the parlor of the home place in a perplexed condition.

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